



**The California Tribal Water
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To: Representatives of the Federal Government with interests in California water policy

The California Natural Resources Agency, together with the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team, are hosting a historic and unprecedented statewide California Tribal Water Summit on November 4 and 5, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. While the Summit is a California State Tribal event and space is limited, members of the Summit planning team wish to acknowledge the trust relationship of the federal government, and to invite interested federal agency staff to attend as guests to listen and learn about California Tribal water issues. The Summit's theme is "Protect Our Sacred Water."

All 110 federally recognized California Indian Tribes and some 50 non-federally recognized Tribes have been invited to the Summit. The Summit will provide an opportunity for the highest Tribal and State government officials to begin a process working toward ensuring that water access, use and priorities of native California peoples are recognized in California's strategic water planning efforts. Key Summit topics include: Tribal water rights; water as sacred; rivers, dams, and fish; institutions (e.g., access to State financial assistance); and watershed management (e.g., groundwater, floodplains, meadows). Federal policies apply in many topic areas.

Proceedings of the Summit will be incorporated into the final California Water Plan Update 2009, and also published as a stand-alone document. The Water Plan series provides a framework for the California water policy decisions of Tribal, federal, State, and local governments well into the future. As they become available, all materials for the Summit will be posted to the California Water Plan Update 2009 web site www.WaterPlan.water.ca.gov/tribal2/tws.

For California Indian Tribes and State government, this Summit represents a turning point in the history of Tribal engagement in water issues and planning in California. A number of state agencies carry out certain water-related responsibilities. Together with the Governor's Office and the California Native American Heritage Commission, some twenty state agencies form a Steering Committee for Water Plan Update 2009.

Conference registration is free, but limited to 300 participants each day. To ensure space and to assist logistics planning, please ask your representative to register on-line as soon as possible at www.cce.csus.edu/CTWS09. **For questions about registration, please call (800) 858-7743.**

For Summit questions please contact the Honorable Ron Goode, Chairman of the North Fork Mono Tribe, at (559) 355-1774 (eagleeye@cvip.net); or Barbara Cross, Government and Community Liaison, Office of the Director, California Department of Water Resources, at (916) 653-5150 (bcross@water.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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